

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Butte Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Equipment Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$ 40,000**House District: 16 - H**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Upgrade and replace fire safety equipment.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$40,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Upgrade and replace fire safety equipment used in the annual fire and rescue responses. Butte Fire and Ambulance is part of the Mat-Su Borough, Department of Emergency Services. Responsibilities include: EMS, Rescue, & Water Rescue: Provide Emergency Medical response from Clark Wolverine Road to Mile 1, Old Glenn Highway including Knik River Road. Respond to vehicle accidents on roadways, swift water accidents on the Matanuska and Knik Rivers, ice rescue call, and everyday medical emergencies. Fire & Rescue: Respond to all fires within the Butte Fire Service Area.

Population: Year 2000 — 2,561

Year 2005 — 4,500

(Five year population increase of 40%)

Estimated yearly runs:

Ambulance: 297

Fire: 85

Rescue: 50

Project Timeline:

FY 2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Butte Volunteer Fire Department

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Chief Charles Von Gunten

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

WE NEED YOU
to continue providing
quality
emergency care!

Every day residents and visitors of the Mat-Su are served by local on-call paid emergency responders. They respond to home and vehicle fires, auto accidents, water rescue, and emergency medical calls.

To provide adequate services as the population grows:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Step up and join the brave women and men who have been serving your area.



**BECOME A PAID, ON-CALL
RESPONDER TODAY!**

**Stop by Station 21, on the Old Glenn
Highway, any Monday or Tuesday
night at 7 p.m. and talk to Chief
VonGunten or Chief Akers.**



HISTORY:

The Butte Fire Department was started as an all volunteer organization in 1953 and formalized in 1964 with the incorporation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

We have two stations with fire, ambulance and rescue response vehicles —

Station 21:

Mile 11 Old Glenn Highway

Station 22:

Mile 5 Knik River Road

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Make a difference

Department of Emergency Services
Volunteer Services Coordinator
680 N Seward Meridian Pkwy
Wasilla, AK 99654

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Join BUTTE Emergency Services



TRAINING

Fire

Mondays - 7 p.m.

Rescue

1st & 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

EMS

2nd & 4th Tuesday - 7 p.m.

BUTTE FIRE STATIONS

Station 21 - 3355 S Old Glenn Hwy.

Station 22 - 8271 S Ben Hur Drive

Tel: (907) 745-4221 or 745-5757



Serving Our Community

Butte Fire and Ambulance is part of the Mat-Su Borough, Department of Emergency Services. Responsibilities include:

EMS, Rescue, & Water Rescue:

- ✓ Provide Emergency Medical response from Clark Wolverine Road to Mile 1, Old Glenn Highway including Knik River Road.
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Fire & Rescue:

- ✓ Respond to all fires within the Butte Fire Service Area. (Fire Service Areas are monetarily funded through mill rates in area property taxes.)

Teen Opportunities

Teens from 14-18 can learn firefighting skills and teamwork by joining the Explorer Post.

Call or stop by Station 21 on Tuesday nights around 7 p.m. for information.

The Butte Fire Department is critically short of firefighters!

We need individuals who will commit to training and serving our community and neighbors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

House fires can devastate a family in a matter of hours. The Butte Fire Department is looking for dedicated individuals, 18 and older.

Make a difference in your community; commit to training and responding to fires and emergencies in your area.



Department Numbers:

18 Active Firefighters

(Most responders have fulltime jobs out of the area and are unable to respond during normal weekday hours.)

Being a firefighter is a satisfying profession, and the experiences will last a lifetime.



RESCUE

Technical Rescue Responders are trained in Vehicle Extrication techniques. These techniques are used to remove people who are trapped inside a vehicle due to an accident and are unable to escape on their own.



Pride in Excellence

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance crews that serve this area are available twenty-four-seven to respond to Emergency Medical calls.

As the population grows and traffic through the area increases, the number of calls will increase. We need more Emergency Medical Responders trained and willing to come to the aid of neighbors in need.

If you live anywhere in the Butte area and would like to:

- * Become an EMT I
- * Serve your community as an EMT I, II, III, or Paramedic
- * Renew your certification
- * Be a HERO

Contact Sally Letherman at 373-8813, or stop by the station on a Tuesday training night and talk to John Akers.

